

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 238.16, the Department of Human Services proposes to amend Chapter 108, “Licensing and Regulation of Child-Placing Agencies,” Iowa Administrative Code.

This amendment changes licensing requirements for child-placing agencies that provide supervised apartment living placement services to be consistent with 441—subrule 202.9(2). The amendment requires weekly supervisory visits when the youth in placement is under the age of 18 and biweekly visits when the youth is aged 18 or older. The change requires more frequent supervision of minor children in supervised apartment living placement.

This amendment does not provide for waivers in specified situations. Requests for the waiver of any rule may be submitted under the Department’s general rule on exceptions at 441—1.8(17A,217).

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before March 30, 2010. Comments should be directed to Mary Ellen Imlau, Bureau of Policy Analysis and Appeals, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by E-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 238.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend paragraph **108.10(3)“c”** as follows:

~~c. At least weekly face-to-face contacts with the child for the first 60 days of placement and at least twice a month face-to-face contact thereafter. Frequency of visits shall be based on the needs of the individual child.~~ Supervision to assist the youth in developing the needed structure to live in this setting and in locating and using other needed services. Supervision may include guidance, oversight, and behavior monitoring.

(1) If the youth is under age 18, supervision shall include a minimum of weekly face-to-face contacts.

(2) For youth aged 18 or older, supervision shall include a minimum of biweekly face-to-face contacts.